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SUMMARY. AT JUNE 10 MEETING TO CONSIDER SECOND REVISED DRAFT REPORT ON THE PARTICIPATION OF THE DPC IN WINTEX 75, COUNCIL OPERATIONS AND EXERCISE COMMITTEE (COEC) AGREED TO US REQUEST FOR RETENTION OF ORIGINAL LANGUAGE INVITING THE MILITARY COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT A STUDY ON USE OF CHEMICAL WEAPONS BY WARSAW PACT. ON PARTICIPATION OF THE NATO HQ IN FUTURE WINTEX EXERCISES, UK REP EMPHASIZED THAT SECTION V (DPC REPRESENTED BY A MULTINATIONAL COMMITTEE) OF THE REPORT IS A COMPROMISE SOLUTION AND URGED TIMELY COMPLETION OF THE FEASIBILITY STUDY. CHAIRMAN SAID HE WOULD PREPARE THE NEXT WINTEX 75 REPORT IN CM FORM FOR DPC APPROVAL. UNDER ANY OTHER BUSINESS, CHAIRMAN ANTICIPATED COEC INVOLVEMENT IN SECRET

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DEVELOPING GUIDELINES FOR ESTIMATING COSTS CONCERNING SURVIVABILITY OF NATO HQ FEASIBILITY STUDY. END SUMMARY.

1. CHAIRMAN (MACBRIEN) OPENED MEETING BY STATING THAT UK

AND DENMARK HAD REMOVED THEIR RESERVATIONS CONCERNING DELETION OF SECTION V FROM FIRST REVISED DRAFT (REF A, PARA 4). HE REMARKED THAT PARAS 11 AND 21 OF SECOND REVISED DRAFT HAD BEEN MODIFIED BASED UPON REQUEST FROM DIRECTOR, INTERNATIONAL MILITARY STAFF (IMS) TO DELEGE REFERENCE TO PROPOSED MILITARY COMMITTEE STUDY ON USE OF CHEMICAL WEAPONS BY THE WARSAW PACT (REF B). REQUEST WAS BASED ON "THE FACT THAT DISCUSSIONS OF THIS SUBJECT HAD ALREADY TAKEN PLACE BETWEEN SYG AND CHARMAN MC, RESULTING IN A SERIES OF MEMORANDA. CONSEQUENTLY, IT IS THE OPINION OF THE DIRECTOR IMS THAT THE SUBJECT HAS BEEN ADEQUATELY COVERED."

2. DRAWING ON REF C, US REP (WITKO) REQUESTED RETENTION OF ORIGINAL LANGUAGE CONCERNING USE OF CHEMICAL WEAPONS. COEC AGREED TO US PROPOSAL WHICH:

A. CHANGES LAST SENTENCE OF PARA 11 TO READ: "THE DEFENSE PLANNING COMMITTEE MIGHT WISH TO INVITE THE MILITARY COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT A STUDY ON THIS QUESTION."

B. CHANGES PARA 21 (RECOMMENDATIONS) TO READ: "INVITE THE MILITARY COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT A STUDY ON THE IMPLICATIONS OF THE USE OF CHEMICAL WEAPONS BY THE WARSAW PACT."

3. DANISH REP (JENSEN) STATED THAT HIS AUTHORITIES COULD ACCEPT A STUDY ON THE USE OF CHEMICAL WEAPONS BY THE WARSAW PACT BUT NOT AN EXAMINATION OF NATO CHEMICAL RETALIATORY ALTERNATIVES TO A CHEMICAL ATTACK. THEREFORE, HE REQUESTED DELETION OF FOLLOWING SENTENCE FROM PARA 11: "DISCUSSION IN THE DPC REVEALED THAT ONLY ONE MEMBER COUNTRY HAD SUCH WEAPONS IN STOCK AND THAT THERE WERE NO PROCEDURAL RULES GOVERNING THEIR USE BY OTHER ALLIANCE NATIONS IN THE DEFENSE OF NATO." COEC AGREED TO THIS PROPOSAL.

4. NETHERLANDS REP (HOFMAN) COMMENTED THAT PROPOSED MILITARY COMMITTEE STUDY ON CHEMICAL WARFARE SHOULD NOT DUPLICATE PREVIOUS STUDIES ON SUBJECT BY AC 225 PANEL 7 GROUP. CHAIRMAN
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SUGGESTED A FOOTNOTE TO PARA 11 WHICH WOULD NOTE THE AC 225 PANEL 7 STUDIES.

5. ON PARTICIPATION OF THE NATO HQ IN FUTURE WINTEX EXERCISES, UK REP (BEAUMONT) EMPHASIZED THAT SECTION V WAS A COMPROMISE SOLUTION AND URGED TIMELY COMPLETION OF PROPOSED FEASIBILITY STUDY. HE STATED THAT HIS AUTHORITIES ARE FIRMLY CONVINCED OF THE NEED FOR MORE EXTENSIVE NATO HQ PARTICIPATION IN WINTEX EXERCISES. HE SAID THAT AMB PECK (UK) SENT A LETTER TO SYG AND PERMREPS HIGHLIGHTING UK POSITION ON THIS SUBJECT. COMMENT: MISSION WILL FORWARD AMB PECK'S LETTER TO WASHINGTON UPON RECEIPT. END COMMENT.

6. CHAIRMAN REMARKED THAT COEC SHOULD WAIT FOR SHAPE'S WINTEX 77 EXERCISE SPECIFICATIONS BEFORE STARTING THE FEASIBILITY STUDY. (EXERCISE SPECIFICATIONS ARE EXPECTED IN THREE WEEKS.)

7. ITALIAN REP (CAPONE) REQUESTED DELETION OF PARA 20 AND 21(5)(B). HE SAID THAT HIS AUTHORITIES FELT THAT THE REFERENCE TO PARTICIPATION OF THE NATO HQ IN FUTURE WINTEX EXERCISES WAS NOT NECESSARY SINCE THIS ISSUE WOULD BE HANDLED BY THE FEASIBILITY STUDY. COEC DID NOT SUPPORT THIS PROPOSAL, EXPRESSING HOPE THAT ITALIAN RESERVATION ON THESE PARAGRAPHS COULD BE LIFTED IN NEAR FUTURE.

8. IMS REP (BAILEY) PROPOSED MINOR EDITORIAL CHANGES. OF NOTE WAS A REQUEST TO DELETE PARA 12 AND 21 (2) ON DESIGNATION OF HOSTILE NATIONS. HE STATED THAT THE MC STUDIED THIS MATTER WHEN CONSIDERING THE REVISION OF THE BASIC DOCUMENT ON THE NATO ALERT SYSTEM (MC 67/3). NOW THAT THE REVISION HAS BEEN COMPLETED AND SENT TO THE DPC FOR APPROVAL (MCM-34-75) THE PARAGRAPHS ARE NOT NEEDED. COEC AGREED.

9. CHAIRMAN CLOSED DISCUSSION BY STATING THAT HE WOULD PREPARE NEXT WINTEX 75 REPORT IN FINAL FORM FOR DPC APPROVAL.

10. UNDER ANY OTHER BUSINESS, CHAIRMAN ANTICIPATED COEC INVOLVEMENT IN DEVELOPING PARAMETERS FOR ESTIMATING COSTS CONCERNING THE SURVIVABILITY OF NATO HQ FEASIBILITY STUDY.

11. ON ARRANGEMENTS AND PROCEDURES FOR THE PRODUCTION OF SECRET

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POLITICO-MILITARY ASSESSMENTS IN TIMES OF CRISIS AND TENSION (C-M(74)52(REVISED)) US REP REQUESTED STATUS REPORT ON TOR FOR CRISIS ASSESSMENT GROUP AND CRISIS OPERATIONAL GROUP. CHAIRMAN REPLIED THAT HE WAS PRESENTLY STAFFING A DRAFT WHICH SHOULD BE READY FOR COEC CONSIDERATION AFTER THE SUMMER RECESS. BRUCE

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